CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method for selecting a printer for printing a print job, the method comprising:

identifying one or more attributes of the print job; and

directing, using user-defined instructions, the print job to a printer capable of handling the one or more attributes.

2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

generating the plurality of print jobs using one or more application programs running in a computer that is in communication with one or more printers.

3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more attributes are selected from file type, application identity, color content, print resolution, page size and combinations thereof.

4.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

entering the user-defined instructions through a graphical user interface.

5.   The method of claim 4, further comprising:

identifying the available printers; and

assigning one or more of the available printers for use with print jobs having the one or more attributes.

6.   The method of claim 5, further comprising:

storing the user-defined instructions in memory for access by the printer handler.

7.   The method of claim 1, wherein the user-defined instructions comprise a table of the one or more attributes and the printers.

8.   A computer program product including instructions embodied on a computer readable medium, the instructions comprising:

identifying instructions for identifying one or more attributes of the print job; and

user-defined instructions for directing the print job to a printer capable of handling the one or more attributes.

9.   The computer program product of claim 8, further comprising:

generating instructions for generating the plurality of print jobs, wherein the generating instructions are capable of running one or more application programs in communication with one or more printers.

10.   The computer program product of claim 8, wherein the one or more attributes are selected from file type, application identity, color content, print resolution, page size and combinations thereof.

11.   The computer program product of claim 8, further comprising:

entering instructions for entering the user-defined instructions.

12.   The computer program product of claim 8, further comprising:

identifying instructions for identifying available printers; and

assigning instructions for assigning one or more of the available printers for use with jobs having the one or more attributes.

13.   The computer program product of claim 11, further comprising:

data storage and retrieval instructions for enabling one or more printer handlers to access the user-defined instructions.

14.   The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the user-defined instructions comprise a table of the one or more attributes and the printers.